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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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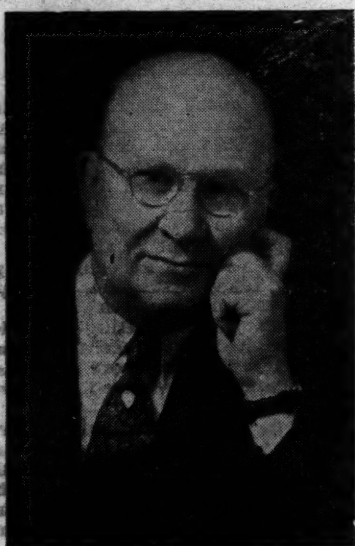
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GOD IN CHRIST RECONCILING MEN UNTO HIMSELF

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"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." II Corinthians 5:17-21



DR. H. A. IRONSIDE

The old creation fell in Adam. Adam was the head of that creation, and we were all seen by God in him. But he fell. He went down and took the old creation down with him, so that you and I by nature all belong to the lost and ruined creation. But now God has sent His own blessed Son into the world, our Lord Jesus Christ who not only became incarnate in Bethlehem, but on Calvary He died for our sins, then rose again in triumph from the dead. And now God has made Him the head of a new creation, and all that will trust in Him are members of that new creation. We no longer belong to the old creation. Our bodies, of course, belong to the old creation still, and that is why we have aches and pains and one thing or another; but some day even those bodies are going to be redeemed, and they, too, will come into the power of new creation life.

In this new creation all things
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CHRISTIAN HERALD PRAISES PRAYER BOOK

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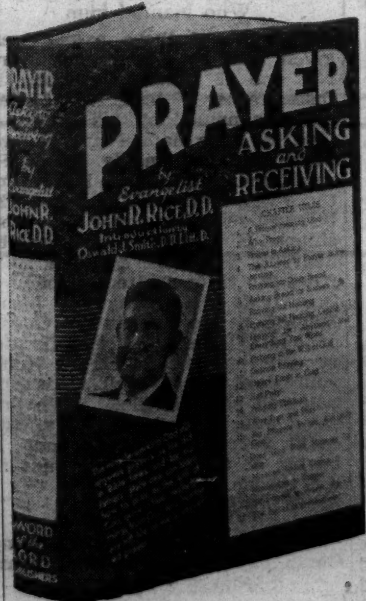
DR. FRANK S. MEAD, editor of the *Christian Herald*, in his review to be published in the August, 1944 issue, says: "... covers thoroughly the teaching of the Bible on prayer; it bristles with good stories and illustrations; it reads easily but it has the deep, rolling undertones which linger in your heart."

DR. OSWALD J. SMITH, Pastor, The Peoples' Church, Toronto, famous author and world missionary leader, in his introduction to the book says: "A book that extols a Prayer-hearing God. Would that it might be used as a text book on Prayer by every Bible Institute and Theological Seminary in the country for this is just what the student needs. Would that it might be sent to every Missionary ... for nothing could bring greater encouragement. Would that Ministers, Evangelists, and Christian Workers everywhere could secure a copy, for it would revolutionize the Prayer life of thousands."

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freshing, and conclusive works on prayer we have ever consulted. The many personal testimonies of answered prayers add greatly to its value."

DR. ELLIS A. FULLER, President, Southern Baptist Theological
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PEARLS OF PARADISE

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The text: Philippians 2: 5-13.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father."

Foreword

A name that is above every name! A name that is above the Arch Angel Gabriel who stands in the presence of God and was sent from heaven to earth to announce the birth of the Saviour of the World.

A name that is above the Arch Angel Michael, who cast the great Red Dragon, called Satan and the Devil, out of heaven for insurrection against the throne of God.

A name that is above the seven angels of the Revelation that are to sound the seven last trumpets of God.

A name that is above the twelve angels that stand before the twelve gates of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, having the glory of God, with walls of jasper, gates of pearls, and streets of gold, the eternal abode of those whose names "are written in the Lamb's Book of Life ... and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

A name that is above the angel of the Lord that appeared unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Moses, Samuel and David, Elijah, Isaiah and Jeremiah. A name that is above all the angels of the skies!

For unto which of the angels said he at any time, "Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee?" And unto which of the angels said he at any time, "Sit on my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool?" and again, "I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?"

Of the angels he saith, "He maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire." But unto the Son he saith, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom."

And again, when he bringeth forth the first begotten into the world he saith, "Let all the angels of God worship him."

A Mohammedan Rosary

It was my high privilege as Chairman of the World Peace Commission to attend the opening session of the Conference for Limitation of Armament, called by President Harding at Washington during the early months of his administration.

Among the high commissioners attending, representing the world powers, was an interesting and extraordinary personality. In any group of distinguished men he would attract immediate attention by his manner, attire, color, conduct and character.

While every other head was uncovered, this high commissioner kept his hat on. During the invocation of the President's pastor, all stood save this one man. When the President of the United States was introduced to deliver his ad-

dress of welcome, all stood with bared heads but this one high commissioner representing more than 250,000,000 people, who kept his head covered, following the custom of his race, station, religion and nation. His white turban was wound closely round his head, and climbed to a great height, setting like a pyramid upon his finely chiseled, dark - skinned, dignified head.

Around his neck was a string of beads which he fingered with reverence, pushing them from right to

left, one by one, until he made a complete circuit of his neck. He presented a weird and mystic appearance, until one understood the significance of his oriental adornment.

He was the commissioner from India, a high caste prince from that land of mystery, a Mohammedan nobleman. There he sat in silence, pushing his beads, at times moving his lips in inaudible speech. He aroused my curiosity, and I resolved to learn the significance of his Oriental adornment.

Introduced by an official of the government, I made bold to inquire, "What is the significance of that string of beads around your neck?"

"String?" said he. "This is not a string, pushing the beads close together to disclose its character and color. 'That,' said he, 'is a golden cord that binds my soul to my Allah God.'"

"And the beads?" I inquired. "Beads?" said he. "These are not beads, they are gems, gems of glory; they are jewels, jewels of joy; they are pearls, pearls of paradise! This is my Rosary," he said. "Each one of these gems, jewels and pearls, 99 of them in all on this cord of gold, represent the 99 beau-

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Bible Revivals Through Prayer

EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

Many Bible Examples Prove That Revival, The Special Visitation of the Holy Spirit, Comes Directly Through Prayer

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years." —Heb. 3:2.

"Wilt thou not revive us again; that thy people may rejoice in thee?" —Psa. 85:6.

Throughout the Bible we have heartening and thrilling examples of revivals that came in answer to prayer. God's people prayed. Along with their prayer was confession and humility and long supplication, with repentance. God heard. His Spirit moved upon hearts; they turned to God and were wonderfully forgiven. As a result many souls were saved. The discerning heart can see that in both the Old Testament the essentials were the same. Revival came, soul-winning came, in answer to prayer.

1. Old Testament Cases of Revival In Answer to Prayer

a. *The revival under Elijah at Mount Carmel.* A terrible declension and falling away into idolatry and sin came to Israel in the days of Elijah. Other prophets were put to death. Wicked queen Jezebel and spineless Ahab ruled. Four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal ate at the King's table. Elijah, God's prophet, prayed, and it did not rain for three years and six months. Then he called Israel to Mount Carmel, and erected an altar to God, put a bullock on the altar over wood, soaked with water. Then he prayed that God would send fire from Heaven to burn the sacrifice and would turn the hearts of the people back again. Fire fell from Heaven; the offering, the wood, the stones, were all consumed and the people fell on their faces, saying "The Lord, He is God." It was genuine revival. The prophets of Baal were killed. No doubt multitudes of people were genuinely converted and turned in a living faith to God. And this came in answer to the prayers of Elijah, as you see in I Kings 18, especially verses 36 to 39. This re-

vival certainly came directly in answer to prayer.

b. *The Ninevah revival under Jonah.* Ninevah was a great heathen city, full of idolatry, and God sent Jonah to warn the city of impending destruction because of their sins. Jonah ran away from God, was swallowed by a great fish that God had prepared, and in the belly of the whale, he cried mightily to God. When, after three days and nights, God had Jonah cast forth on dry land, he went to Ninevah and preached. We are told, "So the people of Ninevah believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them." (Jonah 2:5). Even the king left his throne, put on sackcloth and ashes, and commanded the people to cry mightily unto God, let them turn every one from his evil ways, and from the violence that is in their hands (Jonah 2:8). As a result of Jonah's prayers, and of the prayers of the people, the city was spared, and multitudes turned to God in a mighty revival. This revival was the result of prayer; the prayers of Jonah and of the penitent people.

c. *The revival under Mordecai and Esther.* While the children of Israel were in captivity, Esther, a Jewish girl, became queen. Wicked Haman plotted the destruction of all the Jews. Esther and her maidens fasted in prayer three days night and day. Mordecai fasted (with prayer, of course) with the Jews in Shushan the palace. As a result, Ahasuerus was moved of God to give Esther her request. The Jews were saved in a great deliverance, and Haman was hanged. But there followed a great spiritual revival. It was such a na-

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tiful names of Allah, the God of the Koran, the holy book of my religion, and I was worshipping my Allah God, calling upon him by everyone of the 99 beautiful names by which he is known in the book of my religion. I challenge you," said he, "I challenge you as a Christian, to match my Rosary."

"I have a better speaking acquaintance with my Allah than you have with your Christ," I know my Allah by his full name, and I challenge you to match me gem for gem, jewel for jewel, pearl for pearl."

And I could not. I could not accept the challenge of a man from a pagan land. I was brought up in a Christian home, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, with a family altar, the songs of Zion, and the daily reading of the Bible; but here was a man from a pagan land, to which we send missionaries to change its religion to ours, who had a better speaking acquaintance with his Allah God than I had with my Lord Christ, and who could call him by everyone of the beautiful names by which he is known in the book of his faith. "My Rosary," he said, "my Rosary!"

A Protestant Rosary

I resolved to have a Rosary of my own, seen by the eye of God alone; invisible though it might be to the eye of man. I began writing down one after the other all the names of our Lord I could call to mind, but I could not approximate the pearls of paradise on the Rosary of my Mohammedan friend.

I consulted Cruden's Concordance to find there some 50 names of our Lord, but I discovered that some of Cruden's names were not on my list and that some of my memory names were not on Cruden's list, and concluded that neither one had them all.

Where shall I find them? In what book? Only one—the Book of Books. "Search the Scripture," said our Lord. "They are they that testify of me. Seek and ye shall find. Whatsoever he saith unto you do it." I searched the Scriptures, and as I searched, I wrote down each name found in the first book, and the first chapter and the first verse of the New Testament to the last name found in the last book, the last chapter and the last verse, and I made some startling, enlightening and comforting discoveries, and bowed my knee at the name of Jesus, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow." It was the first time I knew Him by his full name.

His first name in the New Testament was brought from heaven to earth by the Angel Gabriel to the humble home of the Virgin Mother before his birth, as told in the Gospel according to Luke, in what Wm. E. Gladstone called the most beautiful book that was ever written, and when asked by Queen Victoria what he regarded as the most beautiful story in the most beautiful book, he replied, "The story of the birth of our Lord as told by Doctor Luke."

Not by Matthew, Mark or John, but by Doctor Luke, who was not to be deceived by the story of a virgin-born child unless it was divinely authenticated. This is the story he called, "The literary gem of the ages."

Prophecy Fulfilled

"In the sixth month the Angel Gabriel was SENT from God, into a city named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in and said unto her, Hail thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women. . . Fear not, for thou has found favor with God, and behold, thou shalt

bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus." And my Rosary began! I had my first pearl, the Pearl of Greatest Price, as the beginning of the string. "And he shall be great, and he shall be called, The Son of the Highest, and I had my second pearl. "And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David, and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

And Mary said, "How shall these things be, seeing I know not a man?" "And the angel answered and said, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing that shall be born of thee shall be called The Son of God."

And I had the third pearl for my Rosary, brought by the heavenly messenger "sent from God, the first three pearls at the beginning of the string, found in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke.

And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word." Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord my the prophet, saying, "Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel—God with us." And I had my fourth pearl.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flocks by night, and lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour (5th), which is Christ (6th), the Lord,' and I had my seventh pearl: Jesus, Son of the Highest, Son of God, Immanuel, Saviour, Christ, Lord—the first SEVEN names brought from heaven before the Star of the East led the Wise Men to the place of his birth.

A Mystical Number

The humanity, the divinity and the deity of our Lord is confirmed from heaven by this mystical number of seven. Every claim made by our Lord for himself, by the prophets who foretold him, by his disciples and apostles who followed Him, by the evangelists who wrote of Him—is confirmed by the two heavenly witnesses in those SEVEN names given Him from heaven.

In the controversy with the Jews as recorded in the 22nd chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus turned on them with the question: "What think ye of Christ; whose son is He?" Here is the answer sent from God out of heaven . . . Jesus, Son of the Highest, Son of God, Immanuel, Savior, Christ, Lord! Seven names sent from heaven before He was given a name on earth—after his birth. And the first name is found to be the seventh word of the first book, first chapter, first verse, and the first line of the New Testament:

"The book of the generation of Jesus"—seven! Not of Mark in whose names there are but four letters; not of Luke or John in whose names there are likewise four letters, but in Matthew, in whose name there is the key number of the Bible—M-A-T-T-H-E-W—Seven! And I read on to the last book, and the last chapter, and the last page to find that the last name of our Lord in the New Testament Revelation ends with seven.

He fulfilled his mission, he finished his work, he purchased our redemption, was crucified, buried, resurrected, ascended, "and sat down at the right hand of the majesty of God the Father Almighty." Back home on his throne, He gave to John in the Revelation His last recorded name, in the last book, the last chapter, and almost the last verse, "I am Alpha (1), and Omega (2), the Beginning (3), the End (4), the First (5), the Last (6) . . . I, Jesus"—seven. First name on earth, last name in heaven, Jesus first and Jesus last. So when I brought my completed Rosary together, I had Jesus, the Pearl of Greatest Price, at both ends of the string!

Seven hundred times in the New Testament He is called Jesus. Another seven. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins."

"Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ . . . For the blood of Christ . . . For the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

That is the glad tidings of great joy that shall be to all people. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour. For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost." That is the Gospel; that is The Word that St. Paul exhorted Timothy to preach, the Word that became flesh and dwelt among us—"God in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself," confirmed by the first seven names given him from heaven. I read on to discover that the first name given Him on earth after His birth was a confirmation of the seven names given Him from heaven. before His birth, as told in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, "He arose, and took the young child and his mother, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 'Out of Egypt have I called my Son.'"

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear, "My Son." And I had my eighth pearl. "And he came and dwelt in the city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the mouth of the prophet, 'He shall be called a Nazarene,' and I had my ninth pearl.

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John to be baptized went up straightway out of the water, and lo, the heavens were opened unto Him and He saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him: and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' and I had my tenth pearl.

"The next day John stood with two of His disciples, and looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God." And I had my eleventh pearl. "One of the two which heard John, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, we have found the Messiah." And I had my twelfth pearl.

I have given to you consecutively and in the order of their occurrence the first twelve names of our Lord found in the New Testament revelation: Jesus, Son of the Highest, Emmanuel, Saviour, Christ, Lord, My Son, The Nazarene, My Beloved Son, The Lamb of God, Messiah, twelve!

"Phillip findeth Nathaniel and saith, we have found him of whom Moses and the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth." Thirteen! . . . "Nathaniel answered and saith unto Him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God: thou art the King of Israel." Fourteen!

"When Jesus was come into the coats of Caesarea-Philippi, He asked His disciples, 'Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?' . . . And Simon Peter answered and said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Fifteen!

Shall I go on? Would God as the Hebrew damsel said to Naaman, whom she advised to go to Samaria to see the prophet Elijah that he might be healed of his leprosy, would God that time would permit me to give the time, place, circumstance, chapter and verse, and quote each passage where are found the names of our blessed Lord, in their consecutive order, every gem, jewel and pearl "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name . . . 'That ye might behold His glory, the glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth . . . For God who commanded the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.' Would God that I could, as 'he telleth the number of the stars and calleth them by their names.' Impossible!

A Casket of Jewels

All I can do is to give you the names of our Divine Lord from the cradle to the cross, from His crown of thorns to His throne of glory, in constellations of character and kind, and let you string them one by one on your own invisible cord of gold, with Jesus, His first and

How to Teach Babies to Behave in Church

By The Editor

A Kansas mother writes:

"Dear Brother Rice: "Quite a while ago you had an article in your paper in which you stated you taught your children to sit still in church before they were a year old. There were some other points of child training, and in behalf of several other young mothers, we would like to know how!"

"We are Christian mothers and are anxious to teach our babies to respect the Lord's house. How much does one expect of a young child? We realize the great part prayer has in this training, and also Christian example, yet we feel perhaps you or Mrs. Rice could help us. Maybe you can find time to answer this.

"I surely enjoy your paper. I send it on to my husband who is overseas and any of your articles are a blessing to him. May God bless you.

"In Him,"

(Signed) Mrs. C. E. A.

The editor's reply is as follows: May 31, 1944

Mrs. C. E. A. Dorrance, Kansas Dear Mrs. A.:

I am thankful for your kind letter. You asked me how Mrs. Rice and I taught our children to sit still in church before they were one year old.

The answer is, we taught them to mind outside of church service and so they would mind then in the church service. If regularly, in the home, children are made to obey, taught that it is right, that punishment will be swift and sure, and that praise and fellowship depend upon obedience, why the same children who obey at home will obey in church. There is no way of making children revere the house of God if they do not revere their fathers and mothers.

Our children, being human, needed constant care in church services. It is natural to expect children to wiggle a bit. Children old enough to mark with a pencil usually like to mark and later to draw, and I see no reason why they might not do it during preaching services. But talking or crying or walking in the aisles is strictly forbidden. I suppose every one of my children have had to be picked up and taken outside for a spanking during church services, and sometimes a good spat or two in the middle of the sermon has the desired effect.

If you want to rear good children, why you must expect some criticism, and must go straightforward to do what God plainly com-

mands about chastising children when necessary. Consider Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 19:18, Proverbs 20:30, Proverbs 22:6, etc. Children who do not mind at home will not mind at church. Children who are allowed to cry instead of being stopped instantly at home, of course will cry at church to get what they want. And while you are making children behave in church, you are setting a wonderful habit of obedience and respect which is much more important than simply reverence in the house of God.

I do not think it wrong for a child to have a cookie or to have a paper or pencil, nor for a smaller baby to have his bottle or rubber doll or play thing. But no talking, no walking away from mother, and no crying at all should be permitted. In fact, the rights of others must be respected and the baby who makes others unable to hear and enjoy the service is a nuisance in the house of God. Incidentally, he will also be a nuisance in the public schools, will be a nuisance in Sunday School classes, and anywhere else he goes. You can put it down that children who do not behave in church do not behave elsewhere.

It takes lots of grace and some praying, but I think it takes a whole lot more discipline than prayer to make good babies.

In the Saviour's name, yours, John R. Rice.

Who Named Him

Not one of those names were given Him by His mother Mary. Not one of them by Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. (St. Luke). He was named by his Father—God. He was named by the prophets and the angels before He came, and by those who knew Him, those who followed Him, those who believed on Him, those who worshipped Him while on earth and by heavenly messengers and a voice from the throne, after He had returned to His heavenly home. Named, as we read in the Gospel of John, "When they saw His glory and learned of Him." Know your Lord by His full name and you will see His glory when you wear your invisible Rosary, and count your pearls one by one. It begins at the cradle and ends at the throne.

Pearls of Paradise

He is called Jesus, the Young Child, Thy Holy Child, the Nazarene (Continued on page four)

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You can help us greatly by bearing this in mind.

Preacher's Library Burned; Can You Send Some Books?

Rev. E. J. Gascho, who works in the mountains of North Carolina, had a misfortune in that his home burned and all of his library was lost. The library was open to all who wished to read books. We have sent one of each of my books and pamphlets and a subscription to *The Sword of the Lord*. He would appreciate other high grade Christian books. Please no Seventh-day Adventist or Jehovah Witness literature, but sound Christian books, such as recommended by *The Sword of the Lord*, our Brother Gascho asks. Send to Rev. E. J. Gascho Sparta, North Carolina

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BOOK REVIEW

The new book, *Sermon Outlines and Illustrations*, compiled and edited by Theodore W. Engstrom, (Zondervan 1.00) is a valuable addition to the literature so many pastors need.

For the pastor who desires a "different" devotional book, one in which an outline a day will serve as the basis for a quiet hour of meditation and self-examination, his book is excellent. And a secondary result will probably be that he receives many thoughts which will later be built up into sermons of his own and bless his congregation. And the 68 pages of new illustrations, selected from many authors, will be an additional help.

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Bible Revivals Through Prayer

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tional revival among all the Jews, that Mordecai, the new prime minister, established the annual feast of Jewry, Purim, which is observed among Orthodox Jews to this day, on the fourteenth and fifteenth day of the month Adar, "As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning to a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor" (Esther 9:21,22). Though the spiritual details are not given, it was really a great revival, and it came in answer to prayer.

Many more examples could be given in the Old Testament, but we press on to more explicit examples in the New Testament.

I. New Testament Cases Where Christians Were Filled With the Holy Spirit For Service In Direct Answer To Prayer

a. *The Revival at Pentecost.* Acts 1:13, 14, tells us, "And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James, the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." Jesus had commanded the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they be endued with power from on high. They took Him literally. To tarry in this case meant to pray, so in this case they continued in prayer and supplication. When the bridegroom should be taken away, then His disciples would fast, the Saviour said (Matt. 9:15). When Jesus was taken away into Heaven after giving the great commission, the disciples entered into the upper room and there they steadfastly continued in prayer and supplication, and I believe, also with fasting. And after some ten days, on the day of Pentecost, "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost," and began to speak mightily for God, and some three thou-

sand souls were saved and baptized!

There is a clear connection between the tarrying, the continuing steadfastly in prayer before Pentecost and the mighty power that came at Pentecost. What happened at Pentecost was simply a mighty revival, and it came in answer to prayer. It is said that an undue and too great emphasis of dispensational truth should have been applied to Pentecost by many, and the clear Bible teaching about what happened at Pentecost has been obscured. Actually the people prayed as they tarried in Jerusalem, to be endued with power from on high. Their prayer was abundantly answered; they were filled with the Holy Ghost, multitudes were saved.

D. L. Moody, in one of his last sermons in Boston, said the following about the Holy Spirit.

"See how He came on the day of Pentecost! It is not carnal to pray that He may come again and that the place may be shaken. I believe Pentecost was but a specimen day. I think the church has made this woeful mistake, that Pentecost was a miracle never to be repeated. I have thought, too, that Pentecost was a miracle never to be repeated. I believe now if we looked on Pentecost as a specimen day and began to pray, we should have the old Pentecostal fire here in Boston."

It was a sad day for those who took up the work of D. L. Moody when they forsook this doctrine which made Moody the firebrand for God that He was. Moody believed that one could pray and have the mighty fire of Pentecost upon him. Moody prayed; Moody had that power. Oh, that we would pray and that we might have the same power for the same purpose, the winning of precious souls! Pentecost was a great revival. As D. L. Moody called it, it was "a specimen day," a sample of what God is always willing to do. Do not be confused by the special and incidental miracles that happened at Pentecost. The speaking in other languages, the tongues of fire that rested on the Christians, the mighty cyclonic wind—these were only incidental. They weren't what Jesus commanded His disciples to

pray for. They may not be repeated. But what Jesus commanded His disciples to pray for was the power of the Holy Spirit. They prayed, and thank God, they had that mighty reviving fire of God, the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We may pray, and we, too, may have God's power upon us, soul-winning power, the fullness of the Holy Ghost.

b. *The second Jerusalem revival following Pentecost.* After the wonderful blessing of God at Pentecost, as recorded in the second chapter of Acts, persecution began. The apostles were forbidden to preach further in Christ's name and a decline of the work seemed imminent. The people went to prayer, and as a result of that prayer, the fullness of the Holy Spirit came on them anew and a mighty revival followed.

Acts 4:31 says, "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." In this verse, note that the following nine words are exactly like Acts 2:4; "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Essentially the same thing happened in Acts 2.4 and Acts 4:31; God's people were filled with the Holy Ghost. Therefore they spoke the Word of God with boldness.

Now see the wonderful results in the second revival. Acts 4:33 says, "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all." That is exactly the same blessing which Jesus promised the disciples would come at Pentecost. In Acts 1:8 He had said to them, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

And multitudes were saved in this second revival, just exactly as in the one at Pentecost. Reading on into the fifth chapter, verse fourteen tells us, "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

This revival came in answer to prayer. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness."

c. *Saul, already converted, spent three days and nights in fasting and prayer and was filled with the Holy Spirit.* In Acts 9:4-6 we read how Saul of Tarsus was converted as he fell to the earth on the road to Damascus, and Christ revealed Himself to the persecutor of the saints. Saul surrendered to Jesus Christ, called Him Lord, and laid his whole life on the altar. Right there Paul was saved, and called to preach.

However, Paul went on to Damascus, blinded and led by the hand. He was in the deepest prayer. Acts 9:9 says, "And he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink." The Holy Spirit then went to Ananias, and commanded him to call on Saul of Tarsus, "for, behold, he prayeth," said the Lord (Acts 9:11). Remember this was after Paul was already saved. For three days and nights he fasted and prayed. What was he praying for? That was made clear in Acts 9:17. There we read, "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Saul the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, has sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, AND BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST." I have put the last phrase in capitals so you may see it. Ananias came to Saul for the express purpose that Paul should be filled with the Holy Ghost. The remainder of the chapter tells how Paul immediately began to preach the gospel with great power, "Proving that this is very Christ" (Acts 9:22), until he had to flee for his life, to Jerusalem. The fullness of the Holy Spirit came on Saul, after his conversation, in answer to persistent tarrying in earnest prayer. That is the way Paul got equipment to win souls. Revival power comes in answer to prayer.

d. *Paul's great missionary journeys grew out of a prayer meeting.* In Acts 13-14 we have the account of the origin of Paul's missionary journeys as follows:

"Now there were in the church

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that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus."

As these men waited on God "ministered to the Lord and fasted," the Holy Ghost revealed to that little group that Paul and Barnabas were sent away, "being sent forth by the Holy Ghost." Great revivals grew out of prayer meetings. Great missionary endeavors are likewise revivals, and grow out of prayer meetings. Revivals come in answer to prayer. They never come without prayer. This the Bible examples clearly prove.

Here we have given many, many Scriptures, both precept and examples, showing that revivals come as a result of prayer. Oh, no! God lay on our hearts the duty to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit on individuals and on churches; that floodtides of revival may lead to the salvation of multitudes of sinners!

Next week, God willing, we will have an article showing by the testimony of history and of great evangelists, that revivals come in answer to prayer. We believe you will be greatly blessed and helped by the experiences of Charles F. Finney, of D. L. Moody, of David Brainerd, of the Moravian brethren, and of R. A. Torrey. There will be stirring accounts of prayer meetings and the results that followed; of Jonathan Edwards, with the missionaries in Korea, and elsewhere.

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"Twenty years ago the Editor prepared an address entitled, 'Pearls of Paradise.' Among the places of importance it was delivered was in the White Temple Methodist Church, South, at Miami, Fla., at a Sunday afternoon mass meeting. It was well announced and the Temple was filled. William Jennings Bryan presided and presented the speaker.

"Mrs. Bryan was a wheel-chair invalid and unable to attend the meeting. Despite the fact that the hour of adjournment was late and another engagement was to be filled at the First Presbyterian Church at the evening service, Mr. Bryan insisted that I go along with him to his home at Villa Serena, 5 miles out, and repeat a certain portion of the address to Mrs. Bryan, who had been impatiently awaiting his return, promising to take me in his car to the evening service. What occurred at the bedside of Mary Bryan, when, for the first time, she saw 'The Day Star from on high,' is forbidden, as when Jesus said to the disciples who were with him on the Mount of Transfiguration, 'See thou tell the vision to no man.' It was an undiscovered Pearl.

"The next day Mr. Bryan wrote me a letter, repeating what he had urged at his home, saying, 'I want you to have printed your address of yesterday on 'Pearls of Paradise... It is the greatest argument for the divine origin of Christianity and the divinity of Jesus that I have heard or read. I hope the world can hear this message.'"

"I continued giving the address, at the International Bible Conference, Winona Lake, leading churches Boston to Los Angeles, several times in my home city, Rochester, N. Y., and at scores of Chautauqua assemblies from coast to coast, reminded by Mr. Bryan again and again, 'You must print it!'

"Upon his death, July, 1925, as his body was lowered into mother earth in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, I resolved to print it. It has since gone around the world."

The message may be had from Mr. Howard at 134 B St. N. E., Washington, D. C. Please send a dime for one copy or \$1.00 for 15 copies.

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Mary Lloyds Rice, one of the author's 6 daughters, when she was 14. "If a woman have long hair it is a glory to her." (1 Cor. 11:15).

PEARLS OF PARADISE

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ene, Jesus of Nazareth. He is called Lord, Lord Jesus, the Lord from Heaven, the Lord of Glory, the Lord of Righteousness, the Lord of the Holy Prophets, Lord and Saviour, my Lord and my God.

He is called Jesus Christ, Christ Jesus, Lord and Christ, the Lord's Christ, the Christ of God, Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of Sabbath, Lord of Hosts, Lord of the Sabbath, Lord of Heaven and Earth, Jesus Christ our Lord, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

He is called Jesus Christ the Righteous, Saviour, Emmanuel, Teacher, Rabboni, Master, Governor, Law Giver, Forerunner, Redeemer, Messiah, Shiloh, Deliverer, Mediator, Intercessor, Messiah and Prince, a Prince and a Savior, Mighty to Save.

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He is called the First Fruits, the First Begotten, The Elect of God, A Branch of Righteousness, The Second Adam, The Last Adam, King of Zion, The King of the Jews, King of Zion, The King of Israel, The King of Saints, The Prince of the Kings of the Earth, The King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, God Manifest in the Flesh.

He is called The Righteous Judge, The Judge of Israel, The Judge of all the Earth, The Desire of all the Nations, The Ensign of the People, The Captain of the Lord's Host, A Banner Upon the High Mountain.

He is called the Messenger of the Covenant, A Minister of the Sanctuary, The Author and Finisher of Our Faith, Our Advocate, Our Advocate With the Father, Our Peace, Our Ransom, Our Passover, Our Great High Priest, A High Priest Forever after the order of Melchisedec, King of Righteousness, King of Salem, King of Peace!

He is called The Man Christ Jesus, A Man Approved of God, Our Elder Brother, the First Born Among Many Brethren, A Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He is called The Master, Your Master, Your Lord and Master, Good Master.

He is called the Horn of Salvation, the Captain of Our Salvation, the Brightness of the Father's Glory, the Glory as of the Only Begotten, The Image of Invisible God, The Express Image of His Person, the Fullness of the Godhead Bodily, The Bridegroom, the Beginning of the Creation of God. We have passed the Mohammedan's Rosary! 103 to 99, but we are not through.

He is called the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Tree of Life, the Light of Life, the Word of Life, the Bread of Life, the Prince of Life, Life Eternal.

He is called the Water of Life, the Living Water, the Living Bread, the Bread which came down from Heaven, the True Bread from Heaven, the Hidden Manna.

He is called the Door, the Door of the Sheep, the Chief Shepherd, the Good Shepherd, that Great Shepherd of the Sheep, the Shepherd of Bishop of your Souls, a Lamb Without Spot or Blemish, A Lamb Slain Before the Foundation of the World.

He is called the Vine, the True Vine, the Root of Jesse, the Root and Offspring of David. He is called the Prophet of Nazareth. A Prophet Mighty in Word and Deed, the Prophet of the Highest.

He is called the Day Star, the Day Spring from on High, Heir of All Things. He is called a Tried Stone, a Living Stone, and Elect Stone, a Sure Foundation, A Stone, chosen of God and Precious. He

is called That Rock, That Spiritual Rock, The Rock of Ages. He is called Faithful and True Witness, the Apostle and High Priest of our Profession. He is called I AM!

He is called the Man of Sorrows, A Friend of Sinners, the Gift of God, the Unspeakable Gift, God Blessed Forever. He is called the Light of the World, A Quickening Spirit, the First Fruits of them that sleep, the First Begotten of the Dead, The Resurrection and the Life—1581.

He is called the Head of the Corner, the Head of the Church, the Head of every Man, the True Light which lighteth every man which cometh into the world.

He is called the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the One Altogether Lovely, the Fairest Among Ten Thousand, the Bright and Morning Star.

He is called the Power of God, the Wisdom of God, the Gift of God, the Word of God, the Image of God, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world, God's Elect.

He is called The First and the Last, The Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega, Ancient of Days, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Blessed and Only Potentate, God With Us, God Our Savior, The Only Wise God Our Savior, The Lord Which Is, Which Was, Which Is To Come. He is called the Almighty.

He is called the Son of Mary, The Son of Man, The Son of David, The Son of Abraham, The Son of the Blessed, The Son of Righteousness, The Son of the Highest, My Son, The Son of God, The Son of the Living God, God's Dear Son, The Son of His Love, The Only Begotten Son of God, and This Is My Beloved Son in Whom I Am Well Pleased!

A Warless World

One hundred and ninety-five names and I am not done! I have saved the crowning name until last, without which my Rosary would be incomplete. The most promising, prophetic and exalted name by which our Lord is called is that great name given Him by the prophet Isaiah seven hundred years before He came, and the first name given to our Lord in the Bible, the pearl of all the prophecies, the world's one hope for a better tomorrow—a world without war!

"And it shall come to pass in the last days that mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow into it. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

"All the armor of the armed warrior in the conflict and all the garments rolled in blood shall be for burning and for fuel of fire . . . For the earth shall be full of knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. And he shall judge among the Nations, and My people shall dwell in peaceable habitations and in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places . . . Ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you in singing and all the trees of the wood shall clap their hands. And they shall sit every man under his own vine and under his own fig tree and nothing shall hurt or make afraid in all God's holy mountain . . . The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it . . . The zeal of the Lord shall perform it."

And the Reason?

"For unto us a child is born and unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace!" Two hundred names! One hundred and one more gems, jewels and pearls than my Mohammedan friend had on his cord of gold!

Pearls of Paradise, Pearls of Prophecy, Pearls of Peace—proclaiming the pre-existent, eternal and never-changing Christ—"The same yesterday, today and forever."

"Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man, by whose stripes we are

healed." "Hallelujah, 'tis done, I believe on the Son, I am saved by the BLOOD of the crucified one!" And my rosary is done!

The Great Confession

Great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." And, finally, when back on the throne in His heavenly home, John the Revelator heard the angels around the throne, and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing . . . unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever!"

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principalities and powers, and might and dominion, and things present and things to come; and given Him a name that is above every name, of things in heaven and things in earth, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." We are now ready to make the great confession of Simon Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The Way of Salvation

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in heaven. For if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Not when you die, not next year, month or week, not tomorrow—NOW! "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

"This is eternal life, that ye believe on God and on Jesus Christ, His Son, whom He hath sent into the world." "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief!"

Day Star From On High

I wrote them all down as the train carried me on the long journey from Washington to Miami, where I spoke on the succeeding Sabbath at a mass meeting in the White Temple at which William Jennings Bryan presided, where for the first time I wore my invisible Rosary, and used my gems, jewels, and pearls to glorify the Son of God.

As I climbed the heights of glory in exaltation of our Lord, the presiding officer, seated on the platform, was visibly affected. He made no effort to display or conceal it, but the audience observed it. At the close Mr. Bryan arose and said, "I never saw the King in all His beauty until now."

The next day he wrote me a letter with his own hand, in which he said, "I wish you would have printed the address you gave yesterday, especially that part in which you gave the titles and names given our Lord in the Holy Bible. It is the most valuable contribution to orthodox Christianity and the deity of Jesus that I have ever heard, or read, and confirms beyond dispute the claims of our divine Lord." He thanked me again for discovering for himself and Mrs. Bryan "The Day Star from on high, a star that shines," he wrote, "when all others fade."

"Print It! Print It!"

Here it is after twenty years! Multitudes who have heard it have said, "Print it." Many pastors have asked for and been set a copy, and were I to include the letters from those who have been blessed by it, whose faith has been restored by it, reactions from those who have heard it delivered, they would fill a book.

I conclude with two: in a Pacific Coast campaign as chairman of the World Peace Commission, when I was announced to give the "Pearls of Paradise" in Portland, there came to my hotel a former well-known evangelist, who was a member of J. Wilbur Chapman's Simultaneous Revival.

He volunteered to drive me to the meeting. He had left the ministry, quit the church and rejected everything he used to preach, and classed Christ with Mohammed, Buddha and other moral teachers. I prayed for him and myself all

God In Christ Reconciling Men Unto Himself

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are of God. Don't take that as though it were referring to the world as a whole. It has to do with the new creation, and in the new creation, all things are of God. "God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ"—wonderful truth. By nature our hearts were at enmity against God, but He longs to have us brought back to Him. He longs to have us reconciled to Him. He sent prophets, He sent teachers, He sent His holy law; but these failed to overcome the enmity that was in the heart of man. So then God said, "I am going to send my own Son. I am going down to visit men in the person of my own Son, in order that they may be reconciled to me." We read in verse nineteen that the message of reconciliation is this, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself. God came down to earth and linked His deity with our humanity in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He wanted to make Himself known to man. But the only way He could do it, the only way He could drive the fear out of man's heart and reconcile man to Himself, was by uniting His eternal deity with the spirit and soul and body and mind of a man, the mind and body of a man. And He did that in Jesus Christ. When the holy babe lay there in Bethlehem's manger, God was in Christ. When that child was growing up in Nazareth, God was in Christ. When at last He went to the cross of Calvary, and when He died there for our sins, God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself. That explains it. There is no other explanation of the mystery of the incarnation. God has come out to us, in the person of His blessed Son, seeking the sinner, and He has given to us now, we who believe in Him, the ministry of reconciliation, so that we go to men on His behalf. We read, "And now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

This is the mystery of the gospel which the ambassador carries to a world that is arrayed against God, a world that is filled with hatred and suspicion and does not understand God, and He pleads in God's behalf, "Won't you be reconciled to God?" The beautiful life of the Lord Jesus Christ did not reconcile men to God. We might have thought it would have broken down all the enmity and men would have said, "If this is what God is like; if this is the way God feels toward us, we can not turn away from Him, we can not hate Him." But that did not break them down. And so at last Christ went to the cross and we are told that "we are reconciled to God through the death of His Son." When we see Him there giving His life for us, bearing the judgment that our sins deserve, that is what breaks us down.

I will never forget how it spoke to my own heart, when I was just a lad. I used to sing, when I was a boy, a little hymn—you never

the way to the meeting, while he did the talking. On the return trip to the hotel he spoke not a word. After midnight he returned to my room, threw himself on his knees, wept like a child and cried, "I have found Him of whom Moses and the Prophets wrote . . . Jesus, the Son of God."

On one occasion the late Dr. Clarence A. Barbour, president of Brown University and my pastor at the Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., for 18 years, where I was his deacon, was in my audience. No one would think of Dr. Barbour as an emotional man, but how deep the current of his life ran, only those who loved him knew. He tarried until most of the congregation had departed, took my hand and with deep emotion, said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Are you wearied with the length of the "Pearls of Paradise?" "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

hear it any more, "O'er this wide waste I loved to roam,

My back on God and Heaven and home.

Till Jesus met me, far astray, And beckoned me to come away.

"He said on Calvary's cross He died A sacrifice for sin and shame. All because He loved me so Then how could I do else than go?"

This is the message of the gospel. God gave His Son. God was manifest in Christ. He has come down to earth in the person of His Son, and He came to draw our hearts unto Himself, and to make atonement for our sins on the cross. Surely worship and praise and adoration should rise up to Him. This is the message that we bring to the world: "We pray you in Christ's stead, as though God did beseech you by us, be ye reconciled to God." You know, sometimes when sinners are troubled and anxious and want to be saved, instead of sitting down with them over the Word of God, and showing them from Scripture what God has done in order that they might be saved, very well-meaning people will say, "Well, pray, brother, just pray. Keep on praying until you know you are saved." I never saw anything like that in the Bible. I have never read that Stephen or Paul or John or any of the rest said to anxious souls, "Get down on your knees and pray until you know you are saved." They did not tell them that. They said, "Believe the message that God has given. Turn to God in repentance. Put your trust in His blessed Son. When I realized that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, that the Saviour gave Himself for me on the cross, that won my boyish heart, that broke down all the opposition, and led me to turn to Him and put my trust in Him, so that today my heart can sing,

"By faith the Lamb of God I see Expiring on the cross for me.

He paid the mighty debt I owed; He died because He loved me so.

"For me the Father sent His Son; For me the victory He won.

To save my soul from endless woe, He died because He loved me so."

When you do that, you are reconciled to God." Here, instead of asking man to pray and plead with God to save him, you have God pleading with man to let Him save him. He says, "as though God did beseech you," as though God did beg you, we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God. Why? Because He has made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. On Calvary's cross all the work was finished; by which believers are justified; now every one who puts his trust in Christ is saved eternally.

Oh, if you never turned to Him before, if you never took the lost sinner's place and trusted the lost sinner's Saviour, I plead with you to do so now. Tell Him you will trust Him, tell Him that you will receive Him now by faith. The Scripture says, "But as many" as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

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